

# Providence Extension Program – Jacksonville

## Western Thought III

### Mr. Russell

#### Description

Western Thought III is a senior honors level course. In this class, students will develop an understanding of the philosophic, theological, literary, and artistic currents of modern and postmodern periods through the lens of Holy Scripture.

#### Class Meetings:

Tuesday / Thursday: 9:00-9:55am (For holiday schedule, please consult the PEP 2017-2018 Academic calendar)

#### Tutor Contact

My office is located at Christian Family Chapel and I will be available by appointment Monday through Friday. Syllabi and assignments will be posted on [www.achristianworldview.weebly.com](http://www.achristianworldview.weebly.com)

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#### Assignments

Quarterly assignments will be posted on my weebly page, [www.achristianworldview.weebly.com](http://www.achristianworldview.weebly.com) one week prior to the start of the quarter. Please be aware, assignments are subject to change.

#### Expectations

This is a 12<sup>th</sup> grade level class on the level of an Honors class. I expect that you will need to spend **90 minutes per day** on this course. **If you are not a fast reader, you may need to spend more time on this class.** It is imperative that students keep up with course work. It will be very difficult to catch up if you fall behind.

-This is a Biblical worldview class. Therefore, the Bible will be central to our learning. Each student should ensure that he or she brings a Bible to class. The version of the Bible should be one that the student clearly understands. I recommend the ESV or NASB since they are word for word translations.

-Student presentations will be assigned at various times throughout the year. It is expected that those presentations will reflect thoughtful preparation for effective instruction and shared learning.

-Course work assignments are to be turned in on time, complete, and well done, in hard copy, and handed into the tutor. Late or incomplete work will be penalized.

-**Essays are to be typed, double spaced in 12 point in Times New Roman.** You are expected to follow the same formatting standards as used in your PEP Core F composition class. Essays will be graded for spelling, grammar and stylistic errors in addition to content. While this is not a composition class, we want to reinforce the disciplines taught in the other Core F classes.

-Class discussions are a core element to WT3. Every student will be expected to participate in class discussion. Students will be expected to maintain decorum in all interactions with the tutor and other students. The goal of this course will not be debate but rather polite discourse for the purpose of learning.

## **Goals**

Students will:

- Discuss Biblical worldview issues and examine the worldviews presented in each written work.
- Analyze written texts based on their views of God, origins, man, ethics, evil, death, and the meaning of history.
- Compare and contrast the analysis described above with the Biblical revelation on these issues.
- Be able to communicate this information in verbal and written form.
- Be able to articulate their personal worldview.

## **Text & Materials**

1984 (summer)

Brave New World (summer)

### **1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

Fractured Republic

Total Truth

Fahrenheit 451

The Next Story

Saving Leonardo

Consequences of Ideas

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

Finding Truth

The Reason For God

Solomon Among The Postmoderns

Unlikely Convert

The Tipping Point

Each student will be expected to have his or her Bible and text we are currently discussing.

In addition, they should bring the following to class daily:

3 ring binder with loose-leaf paper and a copy of the syllabus

Blue or black ink pens for note taking

The assignment that is due for that class day

## **Grading**

A= 100-90

B=89-80

C=79-70

D=69-60

F=59-0

25%: Course work done at home

25%: Class Participation and in class assignments

50%: Essays, presentations and projects

All work must be turned in on time. Students will be allowed to the end of the PEP week to turn in assignments without penalty (This means Papers must be turned in the day they are due at the latest). I will accept assignments the following week at 20 points off. I will not accept any assignments more than 1 week late. I understand that situations may come up that may prevent students from getting work done. In these situations, I ask that the parents send me an email and I will be happy to work with you.